

Los Angeles Pediatric Society Newsletter



President's Message

Allyson Self-Stoico, MD

Happy Fall!

As we reflect on the success of this year's LAPS events, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who participated and helped make them truly remarkable. Most recently, our **Eve and Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program** provided **300 high school students** with the opportunity to explore various careers in medicine.

Through the online component, speakers shared not only their areas of expertise but also the personal journeys that led them to their chosen fields. In addition, a select group of students experienced the hospital environment firsthand, shadowing physicians and healthcare professionals to gain valuable insight into clinical life.



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**56th Eve and Gene
Black Summer Medical
Career Program**



**Creating life-changing
experiences for
High School Students
with medical career
aspirations since 1969**



**Presentation Ceremony for
LAPS Summer Program
Students at Martin Luther King,
Jr. Outpatient Center**



**LAPS 2025 Summer Program
Hosts Both In-Person and On-Line Sessions
With Over 50 Medical Professionals
And a RECORD NUMBER OF STUDENTS**

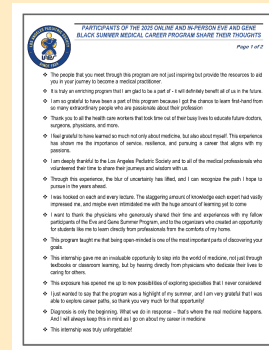
The Los Angeles Pediatric Society (LAPS) established the Eve and Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program in 1969 as a medical mentor program to encourage high school students to choose careers in the health professions.

In this, our 56th year of the Program, we offered a mix of in-person and on-line programs. We had 64 students participate in our in-person programs and **over 240 participate** in our virtual programs, with 60 of those participating in both sessions!

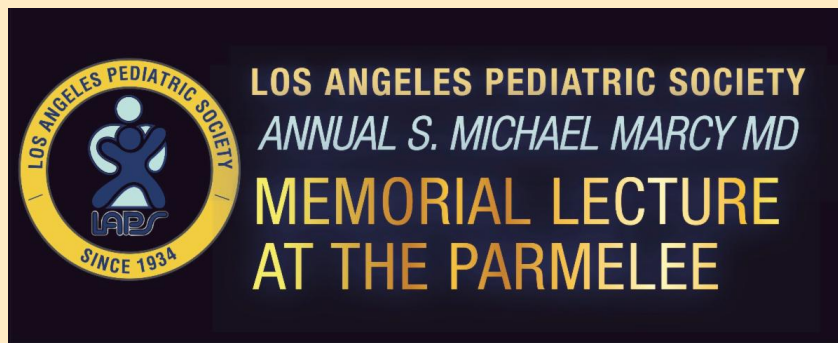
Our on-line sessions met from July 7 through July 31. LAPS Board members Drs. Neville Anderson, Karen Camero, Caryn Cassidy, Gene Liu, Kimberly Klausner, Lauren Meepos, Allyson Self-Stoico, Sloane Sevrin, Patrick Whelan and Paula Whiteman recruited presenters and served as the daily moderators, navigating speaker introductions, chat questions and slides with ease.

[CLICK TO SEE ALL THOSE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS PROGRAM POSSIBLE](#)

Click here to read Quotes from Our 2025 Program Participants



How can I help the Summer Program? Visit our website



S. Michael Marcy, MD Memorial Lecture

We hope that you were able to join us at the UCLA Meyer and Renee Luskin Conference Center on April 21, 2025 for the Michael Marcy, MD Memorial Lecture at the Parmelee, as Amy K. Weimer, MD, Medical Director, UCLA Gender Health Program delivered an informative lecture on *Affirming Gender-Diverse Youth: Navigating a Challenging Landscape*. Dr Weimer was joined by parents and practioners who provided a thought-provoking discussion.

Be on the lookout for an invitation to our 2026 Michael Marcy, MD Memorial Lecture at the Parmelee. We look forward to seeing you then!



The Los Angeles Pediatric Society Presents the 80th Brennemann Lecture
November 7-9, 2025
Disneyland Hotel

LAPS WILL BE CELEBRATING THE **80th** BRENNEMANN LECTURE!

WE HOPE YOU CAN COME JOIN US!

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HERE ARE OUR OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS



ANDREW FREEDMAN, MD
Pediatric Urology



GEORGIOS A. HARTAS, MD
Pediatric Cardiology



SABRINA H. REED, MD
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry



CLIFF RUBIN MEMORIAL LECTURE

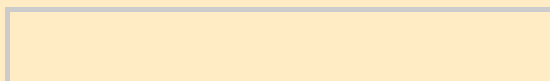
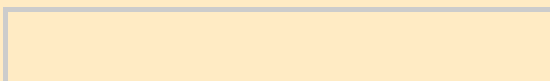
NINA SHAPIRO, MD

*Medical Misinformation: Its Impact on Children and Families, and
What we can do to make it stop*

I am very much looking forward to speaking about medical myths at the upcoming 80th Annual Brennemann Lectures. The topic is near and dear to me, and living in these times in this part of the country has given me a front row seat to so much misinformation and disinformation. I have enjoyed taking some deep dives into many of these claims, in order to better understand thought processes, and, most important, from where these myths arise. As we would all agree, when it comes to the health and well-being of one's children and family, the goal is always to do what we think is best. Unfortunately, the science gets twisted ever so slightly, and then ever so slightly again and again, in sequential rapid fire, until the accuracy of health recommendations can swiftly shift from fact to fiction.

[Please read Dr. Shapiro's full article here](#)

LAPS would also like to thank all of our exhibitors for their support!





COME JOIN US!

We're excited to share that we've created a private Facebook group for LAPS members to network amongst themselves about topics ranging from clinical scenarios to practice management to job/research opportunities, etc. Join the group [here](#). Also, be sure to follow us on [Instagram](#) for current updates and news from LAPS.

Member Updates

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Camelia Kimia Mahmoudian, MD
Adi Genish, DDS
Ivan S. Krasnov, MD
Alexander Hugo de Castro-Abeger, MD
Leslie M. Spiegel, MD
Jacob Gindi, MD
Sarah Albright, PsyD
Frances B Dondonay, RN
Heather Diane Thompson, SLP
Chrysanta Patio PA-C
Jerry Cheng, MD



IN MEMORIAM:

Gary Berry, MD, 2010

Milton Arnold, MD, October 2021

Mary E. Collins, MD September 2022 (102 years)[obituary attached](#)

Steven Alan Feig, MD, November 2022

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